

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventorship..... Murren et al.  
Applicant.....General Electric Company  
Group Art Unit .....2157  
Examiner ..... Hussein El-chanti  
Attorney's Docket No. ....GE1-007US  
Title: Hierarchical Constraint Resolution for Application Properties, Configuration,  
and Behavior

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF 4/6/2006**

To: Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

A) **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

B) **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.